

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

Number of districts with students like ours: 13.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from below average to good.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

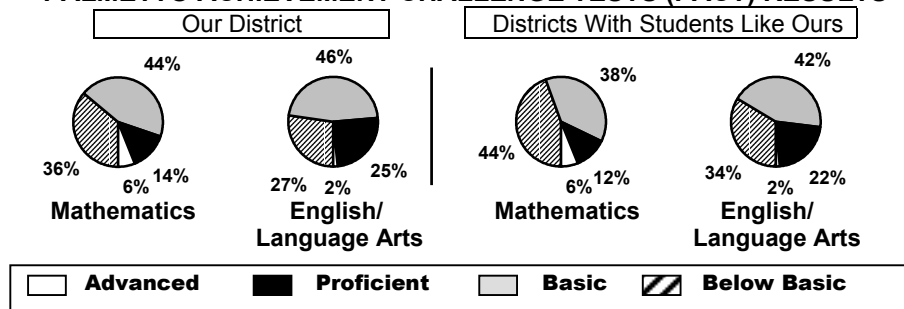
Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Percent of Seniors Passing the Exit Exam	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE Scholarships	Percent of Students Scoring Basic or Above on the PACT	
			ELA	Math
All Students	91.9%	13.0%	72.8%	63.8%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	80.0%	0.0%	45.8%	32.5%
Students without disabilities	92.1%	14.1%	76.9%	68.5%
Gender				
Male	88.7%	13.2%	69.4%	62.6%
Female	93.9%	13.8%	76.7%	65.4%
Ethnic Group				
African-American	89.6%	8.7%	66%	56.4%
Hispanic	66.7%	33.3%	73.0%	67.6%
White	95.1%	21.2%	83.7%	75.4%
Other	87.5%	33.3%	87.5%	81.3%
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	87.4%	7.5%	68.4%	59.2%
Pay for Lunch	96.6%	16.9%	83.1%	74.4%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees		
	1999	2000	2001
Our district			
Passed all 3 subtests	55.5%	56.0%	67.0%
Passed 2 subtests	23.5%	21.9%	16.3%
Passed 1 subtest	13.4%	14.9%	10.2%
Passed no subtest	7.6%	7.2%	6.5%
Districts with students like ours			
Passed all 3 subtests	60.4%	59.9%	62.8%
Passed 2 subtests	20.1%	19.7%	19.2%
Passed 1 subtest	12.2%	12.5%	10.1%
Passed no subtest	7.3%	7.9%	7.9%

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

	Eligible	Percent of Seniors Meeting Grade Point Average Requirement	Meeting SAT/ACT Requirement
Our District	13.0%	45.5%	13.0%
Districts Like Ours	14.4%	47.7%	15.3%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT Verbal		SAT Math		SAT Total		ACT English		ACT Math		ACT Reading		ACT Science		ACT Total	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
District	444	459	431	460	875	919	16.7	16.9	16.6	17.2	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.8	17.1	17.4
State	484	486	482	488	966	974	18.7	18.8	19.2	19.3	19.5	19.5	19.2	19.2	19.3	19.3
Nation	505	506	514	514	1019	1020	20.5	20.5	20.7	20.7	21.4	21.3	21.0	21.0	21.0	21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test.

Percent scoring in upper half

	Reading		Language		Math		Total	
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Grade 4	47.8	50.0	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

Test	Grade	Year	Advanced		Proficient		Basic		Below Basic	
			State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31

DISTRICT PROFILE

INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

	This District	Change from Last Year	Districts With Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
• Dollars per student	\$6,073	N/A	\$6,472	\$6,464
• Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 89.2%	89.5%	89.4%
• Student-teacher ratio	20.4 to 1	N/A	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
• Vacancies for more than nine weeks	1.9%	N/A	1.4%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=9,400)				
• Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	36.7%	N/A	38.9%	43.8%
• Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	96.2%	95.7%
• Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	6.3%	N/A	6.4%	5.8%
• Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	5.9%	N/A	5.9%	4.5%
• Retention rate	8.1%	Up from 7.2%	7.2%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=632)				
• Professional development days per teacher	7.3 Days	Up from 7	7.8 Days	7.8 Days
• Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 94.4%	95%	95.2%
• Advanced Degrees	39.2%	Down from 40.7%	40.4%	44.4%
• Continuing contracts	75.8%	Up from 69.7%	80.6%	81.4%
• Out-of-field permits	5.5%	Up from 0.8%	2.1%	2.2%
• Teachers returning from the previous year	85.1%	Down from 85.7%	88.9%	89.5%
• Average salary	\$34,734	Up 4.8%	\$35,388	\$37,143

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
• Annual dropout rate	3%	Up from 1.1%	3%	2.9%
• Percentage spent on teacher salaries	51.6%	N/A	50.8%	50.9%
• Superintendent's years in the district	9	N/A	9	3.5
• Parent conferences	56.2%	N/A	82%	81.0%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
• Number of schools	17	No change	6	8
• Number of alternative schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
• Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
• Portable classrooms	9.6%	N/A	7.6%	6.5%
• Attendance rate of district office staff	99.2%	Up from 95.6%	96.6%	97.5%
• Average administrative salary	\$63,244	Up 6.7%	\$63,695	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
• Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Suspensions and expulsions	270	N/A	130	100
• Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	8.7%	Down from 9.3%	7.8%	10.5%
• Percentage with disabilities other than speech	11.6%	Up from 10.7%	9.2%	10.5%

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Grades K-12

Enrollment: 9,400 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Sumter School District Two is a progressive district covering 676 square miles of Sumter County. The District has ten elementary, four middle, and two high schools that serve over 9,700 students.

District Two is committed to a quality education and offers the best in facilities and technology for all students. The high schools are five years old and include state-of-the-art computer and science labs and media centers. Renovations are underway in several of our schools to update the existing structures and add classroom space. We are in the fourth year of a federal grant that has brought computers into the classrooms and the community. We were awarded another grant that has allowed the district to hire additional elementary school counselors to provide more guidance and direction to our students at an early age.

We at District Two are keenly aware of deficiencies in some areas tested by PACT, but these are being addressed in innovative ways. Throughout the summer, teachers received intensive training on standards-based instruction aligned with the S.C. guidelines that define age-appropriate instruction. Elementary teachers are receiving additional instruction in strategies for teaching reading and mathematics. This fall, more classes are scheduled for middle school teachers. More standards-based instruction sessions for all teachers in the core content areas are also underway. All teachers in the district are required to earn at least 44 staff development hours each year. In addition, three of our schools are in the America's Choice School Design program, and four are part of the Governor's Reading Initiative.

Our Board of Trustees is committed to excellence and fiscal responsibility. We employ the highest quality faculty, including five National Board Certified teachers. We have an active mentoring program and a yearlong induction program for all new teachers. We are proud of our outstanding extra-curricular and athletic programs. Our classes of 2001 earned over \$5.2 million in scholarships, the highest dollar amount ever earned by our seniors. This administration is proud to be a part of such an exciting time in the district's history. We welcome parents to visit our schools and share the excitement with us.

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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